

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/022,398	Applicant(s) ALLOUCHE, CYRIL	
	Examiner Shefali D Patel	Art Unit 2621	

All Participants:

(1) Shefali D Patel.

(2) Mr. Michael J. Balconi-Lamica (Reg. No. 34,291).

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 1 April 2005

Time: 1:30PM

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

none

Claims discussed:

5, 8, 9, 10, 11

Prior art documents discussed:

none

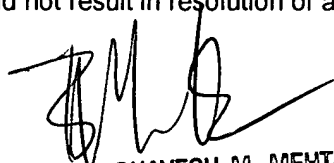
Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

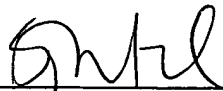
See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



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(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: The examiner contacted Mr. Balconi-Lamica regarding some issues with the application's claims. The examiner emailed a copy of suggested examiner's amendment to Mr. Balconi-Lamica and he agreed to the changes which result in the allowance of the application. See attach copy for the suggestions made to Mr. Balconi-Lamica.

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NOTE: Underline == add
Strikethrough == delete

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following reason(s):

Claim 5 line 5 "function f" ought to be "function (f)" to be consistent with the claim language as it appears at line 4.

Claim 8. (page 5 lines 29-31 and page 6 lines 1-13)

An image processing method of claim 1, to be applied to, ~~at least,~~ a sequence of MRI tagged images, to track tags on successive images of the sequence, comprising steps of:
initializing the processing method by implementing ~~one of the methods~~ the method of claim 1 for the first image of the sequence, using a first predicted image which represents ~~the~~ a non-deformed modulation pattern; and
iteratively implementing the image processing method of claim 1 for the following images of the sequence.

Claim 9 recites "A computer program product comprising a set of instructions for carrying out a method as claimed in claim 1."

This claim is non-statutory because the terminology "computer program product" alone has no set definition.

Either claim 1 needs to be cancelled or amend to recite, "A computer readable medium storing a program comprising a set of instructions for carrying out a the method as claimed in claim 1"

Claim 10 line 3 "a method" ought to be "the method"

Claim 11 line 3 "a system" ought to be "the system"

Please call me to confirm these changes and/or comments asap.

Thanks,

Shefali Patel